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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Paraguay Bureau -- June 1985

I. GENERAL

Following bureau reports on reception of satellite TV signals in Asuncion using commercially available TVRO equipment, including 3.7- to 4.5-meter antennas, Headquarters changed the ROSET implementation plan for the bureau. Instead of shipping the portable PESOS antenna to Asuncion for cruising and testing, on the basis of these reports Engineering Division will research the available TVRO equipment to select the appropriate configuration for shipping to and installation at the bureau.

The local reception reports were based on visits by bureau staff to a private home in Asuncion where one of the five to six TVRO antennas in the entire city is installed. Reception of the bureau's primary interest -- Brazilian TV stations from BRASILSAT I -- is excellent, and signals from INTELSAT's carrying Peruvian, Venezuelan, and Colombian TV also were observed with good reception. Because the bureau is located within the saturated BRASILSAT footprint, the processing of Brazilian press agencies, another primary bureau goal, should be possible at the bureau with an antenna the size described above. Although the Embassy would not agree to installing the antenna immediately outside the annex building where the bureau is located, it did agree to installing the dish at the rear of the compound, unfortunately some 400-plus meters away. The bureau will receive the signals via cabling installed in conduit buried in a trench.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The month's major story in Argentina was the announcement by President Alfonsin's government of stringent economic measures to deal with the worsening economic situation. Reports on the 13th on the measures to be announced the next day prompted a run on banks that forced the Central Bank to declare a bank holiday the next day. On the 14th, Alfonsin and his economic minister in speeches broadcast by Buenos Aires Domestic Service and covered by the bureau explained the new government economic program and its objectives. Following the announcement,

the Central Bank ordered banks closed on the 17th and 18th. Since their initial speeches outlining the package, Alfonsin and the economy minister have made several speeches attempting to increase support for it.

2. In Bolivia the political dispute over whether or not the 14 July presidential elections should be held as scheduled dominated the file. As a result of the ascendancy of the rightist parties and the likelihood one of their candidates will win the elections, the labor movement and the leftist parties have been pushing the Siles Zuazo government to postpone the elections. These pressure tactics have included a power workers strike that blacked out La Paz and strikes and stoppages throughout the country. And to add to the speculative turmoil, former dictator General Garcia Meza allegedly returned to the country and in an interview broadcast by Radio Panamericana and processed by the bureau said he planned to "impose order in a drastic way." President Siles has successfully fended off this pressure, which even included a proposal for postponement from the National Electoral Court. As a further example of the confused Bolivian political scene, when Siles went to register for the elections, he was disqualified from registering because he did not have the proper documentation: His identification papers were stolen when he was kidnapped last June!

3. Continuing its efforts to develop an independent foreign policy, plans of the Brazilian Government of President Jose Sarney to restore relations with Cuba have been reported in the press and Sarney has made it clear in public statements that he intends to be tough with the IMF in the debt negotiations, saying that Neves made the promises but that now he is president. Also reflecting more liberalism on the domestic front, on the 1st the Brazilian Communist Party held its first public rally in 21 years. On the 22d, President Sarney announced the text of the constitutional bill he will submit to Congress calling for a constituent assembly. The elections for the assembly will be held in November 1986, and it will then be charged with writing a new constitution within one year. The bureau has received samplings of the Brazilian press agencies Brasilia EBN and Brasilia Senado Federal from Panama Bureau, which obtained them from monitoring BRASILSAT. An initial study reveals that EBN could be a good source to put on coverage, but that Senado Federal, which reports exclusively on Senate proceedings, will not be worthwhile. Bureau will shortly submit a full report on its findings.

4. On the 16th, the Chilean Government of President Pinochet announced the lifting of the state of siege. The bureau reported the lifting from a news agency source that was later supported by a recording of the official statement relayed by our Santiago contractor, who recorded it from an unannounced special broadcast. Since the siege was lifted, terrorist actions and bombings have increased, ranging from bombings of supermarkets to the blowing up of high tension power lines blacking out Santiago and large areas of central Chile. The government has denied that it plans to reinstitute the siege.

5. This month the Chilean Government complained before a UN agency about Moscow Radio programming aimed at Chile and allegedly inciting armed rebellion. The bureau has filed Moscow Radio reaction ridiculing this Pinochet charge. Moscow casts in Spanish to Chile, including Radio Magallanes, produce a considerable, and at times voluminous, file of unique materials. These processed items as well as daily program summaries are filed directly to the American Embassy, Santiago, which repeatedly has expressed a strong interest in them in general, and in particular on the current charge of Moscow interference in Chilean affairs. With the lifting of the state of siege, restrictions on the news media have been eased and the bureau is surveying Radio Chilena and Radio Cooperativa newscasts in an attempt to improve the Chilean coverage package.

6. On the 3d, the Chief attended a working reception at the residence of DCM Dan Clare during which he met Stephanie Kinney, head of the Paraguay/Uruguay desk at the State Department's Office of the Southern Cone, who was visiting Paraguay. Ms Kinney praised the bureau's file, particularly on Uruguay leading up to the recent elections.

7. The bureau started using AIG's on the 10th.

B. Lateral Services

1. In response to a request from the BBC, the bureau on the 17th began filing program summaries on the Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes 1000 GMT and the Brasilia Domestic Service 2200 GMT casts so that BBC Bush House can better tailor its broadcasts to Brazil.

2. The bureau has added the chief, Political Research Section as a new local consumer for material on Paraguay.

C. Cruising

1. Reception of Argentine and Uruguayan medium wave stations has generally improved since the new long wire went into operation in April. The biggest dividends have been the improved direct reception of Buenos Aires Domestic Service after it started using microwave relays and of Montevideo Radio El Espectador. Bureau will conduct further surveys of Argentine and Uruguayan stations as well of Brazilian stations with the long wire antenna.

2. The cruiser also surveyed Havana International broadcasts to South America at the request of MOD.

Technical

1. The bureau's remote equipment at ANTELCO suffered serious damage at midmonth for unknown reasons, although high voltage is the most likely culprit. The microwave power supply, the transmitter regulator, two Collins 651 receivers, and the WJ receiver were affected. Radio coverage of Bolivia and Peru were hampered while the repairs were being made. The technicians have put in long hours to repair the damage and have completed everything except for the microwave regulator card because the tip is not available in Asuncion. It has been ordered.

2. The project to modify the Extel R.O. printer and converter to low level is continuing.

3. Following the recent regional engineer's visit, surplus equipment has been readied to be sent to Headquarters and Nicosia Bureau. It will be forwarded in the next two weeks.

4. The bureau has received 10 new IBM Selectric III typewriters, which have been tested, repaired, and placed at the monitors' positions. These replace old IBM models, which will be either retained in stock as reserves or turned over to the GSO.

5. The following items have been purchased locally for the bureau and the Santiago contractor: one VCR National Panasonic Mod. 1123 NTSC/PAL-N (bureau); one VCR National Panasonic Mod. 1123 NTSC only (contractor); one radio AM/FM TV color NTSC/PAL-N audio cassette recorder ITT Mod. TRC 5000 (contractor). The technicians are drawing up a connection program and operating instructions on the equipment for the contractor.

6. After waiting the 9-month gestation period, the bureau on the 26th received its new Brazilian-made Chevrolet Comodoro.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

The bureau has narrowed the applicants for the associate editor position down to two candidates and soon will make its decision. We hope to begin pre-employment processing immediately.

B. Building and Grounds

Following bureau requests to the GSO to have the entire annex roof resealed to preclude possible serious damage to the bureau equipment and offices resulting from rain leaks, the Embassy negotiated a contract to resurface and reseal the roof, work for which has started and will be guaranteed for 10 years.

IV. VISITS

1. Editor arrived PCS on the 5th.

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2. Editor [redacted] departed on the 15th for their Tel Aviv Bureau PCS assignment. [redacted] will make a short TDY stop at Headquarters en route.

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3. Senior Editor [redacted] arrived TDY on the 26th for an approximately 3-week stay.

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4. Deputy Chief [redacted] departed 3 July for PCS Headquarters.

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5. Administrative Assistant [redacted] TDY'd at Headquarters on the 21st while she was in the Washington area on private travel.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

cc: C/Panama Bureau
C/Key West Bureau

Attachments: Monthly Production Report

<u>TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>	332,540
TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:	246,270
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:	86,270
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING THE MONTH:	651

	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC-ATIONS</u>
I. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u>	7,910 (min)	39,990 (min)	170.00 (issues)

II. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	10,810		
Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish	50		
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		11,990	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		10,660	
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		4,960	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			10,900
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			540
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			120
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			1,500
Buenos Aires AMBITO FINANCIERO in Spanish			5,640

BOLIVIA

La Paz Radio Illimani Network in Spanish	2,570		
La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish	14,010		
La Paz EL DIARIO in Spanish			470
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			640

BRAZIL

Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	3,050		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	100		

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>BRAZIL</u> -- continued			
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese	6,430		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	2,100		
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			2,230
Rio de Janeiro LATIN AMERICA DAILY POST in English			3,940
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			2,960
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			17,180
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			6,500
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			0
<u>CHILE</u>			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	11,350		
Santiago Radio Cooperativa in Spanish	2,530		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	4,770		
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			0
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			1,070
Santiago HOY in Spanish			1,750
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			1,340
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing in Spanish to Latin America	0		
<u>FRANCE</u>			
PARIS AFP in Spanish		30,540	

<u>PARAGUAY</u>	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC-ATIONS</u>
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional Television in Spanish	3,160		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			3,330
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			0
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			1,820
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			540
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			0
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			350
<u>PERU</u>			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	5,970		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	2,200		
Lima Television Service in Spanish	220		
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	2,470		
Lima Cadena Panamericana Television in Spanish	2,810		
Lima Televisora Lima in Spanish	200		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	3,640		
Lima OAY-4Z Television Service in Spanish	500		
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			450
Lima EXPRESO in Spanish			0
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish			0
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			10,320
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>SPAIN</u>			
MADRID EFE in Spanish		16,540	
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	630		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	8,660		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	1,420		
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish to Chile	1,240		
<u>URUGUAY</u>			
Montevideo Radio El Espectador Network in Spanish	2,800		
Montevideo Domestic Service in Spanish	3,270		
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			530
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	500		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			0
Montevideo OPINAR in Spanish			0

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/OPS

Jerry:

Our first effort at using the PC and
MULTIMATE in producing the monthly
report. Couple of editorial "sins," but
it should be acceptable.

7 June

Date